

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. The method for treating peripheral neuropathy which comprises simultaneously administering to a patient suffering from peripheral neuropathy an effective amount of an imipramine or an analog of imipramine selected from the group consisting of desipramine, imipramine, imipramine N-oxide, triipramine, clomipramine, doxepin, amitriptyline, nortriptyline, and protriptyline, and
10 pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts and esters thereof, and an effective amount of a substituted phenothiazine selected from the group consisting of chlorpromazine, mesoridazine, thioridazine, acetophenazine, fluphenazine, perphenazine, and trifluoperazine and pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts and esters thereof.
- 15 2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the route of administration is oral.
3. The method according to claim 2 wherein the substituted phenothiazine is fluphenazine.
- 20 4. The method according to claim 2 wherein the imipramine is desipramine.
5. The method according to claim 3 wherein the imipramine is desipramine.
- 25 6. The method according to claim 5 wherein the desipramine compound is present as the hydrochloric acid addition salt and the fluphenazine compound is present as the hydrochloric acid addition salt, the enanthate or the decanoate.
- 30 7. The method according to claim 6 wherein the amount of the desipramine compound administered is from 7 to 30 mgs/day and the amount of fluphenazine compound is from 0.5 to 4 mgs/day.

8. The method according to claim 7 wherein the desipramine compound and the fluphenazine compound are administered essentially at the same time.

5 9. The method according to claim 8 wherein the desipramine compound and the fluphenazine compound are in the form of separate unit dosage forms.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the total dosage of each compound is divided into two daily dosages.

10 11. The method for treating peripheral neuropathy which comprises administering to a patient suffering from peripheral neuropathy an effective amount of a substituted phenothiazine selected from the group consisting of chlorpromazine, mesoridazine, thioridazine, acetophenazine, fluphenazine, perphenazine, trifluoperazine and pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts and esters thereof.

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12. The method according to claim 11 wherein the route of administration is oral.

13. The method according to claim 12 wherein the substituted phenothiazine is fluphenazine, fluphenazine hydrochloride, fluphenazine enanthate, or fluphenazine decanoate.

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14. The method according to claim 13 wherein the substituted phenothiazine is fluphenazine hydrochloride.

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15. The method according to claim 14 wherein the amount of fluphenazine compound is from 0.5 to 4 mgs/day.

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16. An article of manufacture comprising a first and a second compound for use in treating peripheral neuropathy wherein one of said compounds is an imipramine or an analog of imipramine selected from the group consisting of desipramine, imipramine, imipramine N-oxide, triipramine, clomipramine, doxepin, amitriptyline, nortriptyline, and protriptyline, and pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts and esters thereof, and said second compound is a substituted phenothiazine selected from the group consisting of chlorpromazine, mesoridazine, thioridazine, acetophenazine, fluphenazine, perphenazine, trifluoperazine and pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts and esters thereof.
17. The article of claim 16 wherein said first compound and said second compound are each present as a discrete, orally administerable unit dosage form in a single package.
18. The article of claim 17 wherein the imipramine is desipramine.
19. The article of claim 18 wherein the substituted phenothiazine is fluphenazine.
20. The article of claim 19 wherein the desipramine is present as the hydrochloric acid addition salt and the fluphenazine is present as the hydrochloric acid addition salt, the enanthate or the decanoate form.
21. The article of claim 20 wherein each of the desipramine and the fluphenazine is present as the hydrochloric acid addition salt.
22. The article of claim 21 wherein the amount of the desipramine hydrochloride is from 7 to 30 mgs and the amount of fluphenazine hydrochloride is from 0.5 to 4 mgs.

23. The article of claim 22 wherein the amount of the desipramine hydrochloride is 10 mgs and the amount of fluphenazine hydrochloride is 1 mg.